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John Feeley is a Senior Foreign Service officer who has focused much of his diplomatic career working on Western Hemisphere issues both in Washington and in the region. He assumed his current position as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs in May 2012, with responsibility for the daily management of regional policy implementation and the supervision of 50 diplomatic posts in the Americas. Previously he served as the Summit of the Americas Coordinator, overseeing the substantive preparation for Secretary Clinton's engagement in the Cartagena Summit. He was DCM in Mexico from July 2009 to March 2012, managing a 37-agency country team that implemented the \$1.6 billion Merida Initiative. He has also been the Department's Director for Central American Affairs and Deputy Director for Caribbean Affairs. From 2004 to 2006 John served as a Deputy Executive Secretary in the Office of the Secretary of State, where he was responsible for managing information flow to Secretaries Powell and Rice, as well as coordinating their overseas travel.

A 2004 Distinguished Graduate of the National War College, Mr. Feeley's overseas assignments include Mexico City, Santo Domingo, and Bogota.

Prior to joining the State Department in 1990, Mr. Feeley served on active military duty as a helicopter pilot in the United States Marine Corps. He is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and is married to a fellow career diplomat, Cherie Feeley. The couple has two sons.